

LAWTON CAPTURES SAN ISIDRO

An American Advance Guard Takes the City.

ACCOUNT BY GEN. OTIS

He Learns That General Lawton's Active Campaign Prevents the Rebels from Reconcentrating.

Washington, May 17.—The following despatch has been received at the war department:

Manila, May 17.—Situation as follows: Lawton with 1200 men and ability, has covered Bulacan province with his column and driven insurgent troops northward into San Isidro, second insurgent capital, which he captured this morning; is now driving enemy northward into mountains. He has constant fighting, inflicting heavy losses and suffering few casualties himself.

Manila, May 17, 11:40 a. m.—General Lawton's advance guard, under Colonel Summers of the Oregon troops, took San Isidro, the insurgent capital, at 8:30 o'clock this morning.

Colonel Summers' command, consisting of the Twenty-second infantry on the left, the Minnesota regiment in the center and the Oregon and North Dakota regiments on the right, preceded by scouts and accompanied by Scott's battery of artillery, advanced from Baharte at daylight. The troops first encountered the enemy two miles from San Isidro, the rebels retiring when our artillery opened fire.

Outside the town a rebel force, estimated to number 2000 men, was entrenched. It made a slight resistance, but evacuated its position when our troops turned its right flank.

Enemy's Loss. The enemy's loss was fifteen men killed and twenty wounded. Our troops also captured three prisoners and many rifles. On the American side one of the Oregon regiments and one of the Minnesota regiments were slightly wounded.

After capturing the town Colonel Summers' troops continued their advance, pursuing the retreating rebels for several miles.

The expedition under Major Kohbe, of the Third artillery, consisting of the Seventeenth infantry, a battalion of the ninth and one battery of the first artillery, left Calumpit at daybreak today, marching up the Rio Grande to join General Lawton's division at Apatitlan. A flotilla of cascos loaded with supplies also proceeded up the river. Both forces were conveyed by the "tinclad" army gunboats under Captain Grand.

Aguinaldo's ex-secretary, Escamito, who was arrested here on Feb. 23, is now employed as official interpreter by the authorities.

6:10 p. m.—Although the rebels still threaten San Fernando in considerable force, large numbers of natives, a majority of them being families with their household goods, are returning daily to the towns inside the American lines, at Apatitlan especially. Many of the richer Filipinos are coming to Manila and laborers are resuming work in the rice fields. The latter show their respect for American sovereignty by removing their hats to the passing trains.

Owing to the bad condition of the roads, the work of repairing the railroad is being actively pushed. All the broken bridges have been trestled and only a few excavations remain to be filled up. Trains will undoubtedly be running through to San Fernando in a few days. The only natives there are some Filipinos from Macabebe, who are trading with our soldiers.

At daylight today Lieutenant Hill, who, with twenty-five men of the Fourth infantry, was concealed in the trenches near Pasig, was attacked by a force of rebels, who evidently imagined they could capture one of our outposts, because only a few shots had been fired by the American force. A few volleys put the enemy to flight, the rebels losing five men killed and a number of wounded.

The army gunboat Nanyindan has returned here from the lake, having been disabled by a cannon shot from a rebel position, near Santa Cruz, which broke her rudder post.

THE CASUALTIES.

Washington, May 17.—General Otis, at Manila, under today's date, has sent to the war department the following list of casualties:

Adjutant General, Washington: Killed: Utah artillery, May 15, Sergeant Ford Fisher; Second Oregon, 35, Private James Harrington.

Wounded: First North Dakota, 33, C. William E. Truelock, chief, severe; C. William H. Young, chief, of wounds; 16, Thirtieth Minnesota, H. Private Albert Erickson, chest, moderate; 15, K. First Sergeant Harry Howard, wrist, slight.

Missing: First California, K. Private Ralph Coates, since April 8. (Signed) Otis.

ASSOCIATED PRESS MEETS.

The Officers Elected at Chicago Yesterday—The Banquet.

Chicago, May 17.—At the annual meeting of the Associated Press today the following were elected directors: William S. McLean, Philadelphia Inquirer, vice Clayton McMichael, registered; A. J. Barr, Pittsburgh Post; L. M. Markbreit, Cincinnati Volksblatt; Clark Howell, Atlanta Constitution.

Resolved, That the Associated Press views with pleasure the encouragement by the newspapers throughout the country of the proposition by Rear Admiral Upham to the Brooklyn Eagle that a home be secured for Admiral Dewey, at the national capital by public subscription.

Resolved, That we recognize in the national committee of the Dewey House fund a foreign body to which we will not contribute and we will not send funds secured by subscriptions to newspapers from their readers and through other sources and that we commend the object and the method without reserve to the newspapers and periodicals of the United States.

The annual banquet was held at the auditorium hotel tonight. Speeches were made by St. Clair Kelway, of the Brooklyn Eagle; General Thomas M. Anderson, U. S. A.; General Charles Taylor, of the Boston Globe; Hon. James E. Fickels, ex-comptroller of the city; Hon. Steven O'Meara, of the Boston Journal; L. M. Arkbreit, of the Cincinnati Volksblatt, and others.

REVOLUTIONISTS ARE ARRAIGNED

Results of a Cyclone in Ohio—Trees Blown Down and Much Property Destroyed.

Cleveland, May 17.—Another bad storm swept over northern Ohio this afternoon being accompanied by high wind, hail and a heavy rain fall. At Norwalk the rain fell was four inches, trees were blown down and havoc was caused among telegraph and telephone wires. At Upper Sandusky halloons as large as hickory nuts fell. Jacob Miller's hayrack was blown away, his house and several houses unroofed. At Bucyrus halloons three inches in circumference fell. Windows were broken, stock stamped and crops beaten into the ground. A heavy rain fall followed the hail.

Toledo, May 17.—The cyclone which swept over the little city of Montpelier last night will prove fatal for at least four children in the school house at West Unity. There were 24 people in the building and but one of them escaped injury. The building was wrecked.

NEW TRIBE OF CANNIBALS.

Discovered on Mt. Morrison, Formosa, by the Explorer Stoepel.

Vancouver, B. C., May 17.—The steamship Empress of India brings news of the ascent for the first time of Mount Morrison, the highest mountain in Formosa, by Stoepel, the explorer of the Pic in Oriaba in Mexico. Many previous attempts have failed, Stoepel says the heat was so terrific and he narrowly escaped death from wild animals and men. He found on the mountain a tribe of man-eaters, hitherto unknown to exist.

The people are evidently of Malayan origin and are different from any known race. He never communicated with the Cannibals. They are skull hunters and cannibalism was actually witnessed by Stoepel, who saw the progress of a feast while hiding close by in the underbrush.

BLOODSHED AT CIENFUEGOS.

Negro Killed in a Riot of Dock Laborers.

Cienfuegos, Province of Santa Clara, May 17.—The agitation of the Cuban dock laborers here, who have been demanding back pay culminated this evening in bloodshed. A negro was killed by a Cuban officer. A detachment of twenty-five soldiers are now guarding the custom house.

Major Dempsey is understood to be fearing an anti-American demonstration, and there is much excited talk against Americans, apparently due to nothing more than the talk of agitators who are advocating complete independence. Outside of the shooting referred to, there has been no special incident worth citing.

The aqueduct is being cleaned, water is selling at 10 cents a can and the government officials are hauling water to the troops fifteen miles by rail.

STORM AT ALTOONA.

The Most Severe Ever Experienced in That City.

Altoona, May 17.—The most severe rain storm that Altoona ever had experienced, burst upon the city at 1 o'clock this afternoon and continued for an hour and a half with unprecedented violence. Streets in the lower portions of the city were submerged and many cellars and basements were flooded.

Merchants suffered severely. The railroad, locomotive and car shops were flooded for the first time in their history and most of them were obliged to shut down. One house, the Tapes hotel, was struck by lightning.

CONDENSED STATE TOPICS.

Bethlehem will have open air band concerts twice a week the coming summer. Survivors of the Ninth Pennsylvania cavalry will hold a reunion at Gettysburg June 8.

Major General Daniel Butterfield will be among the Memorial Day speakers at Gettysburg.

Allentown people are trying to have their new city hospital free of debt when it is dedicated the middle of next month. A silk mill company, with \$100,000 capital, has been organized at York, with Clerk of the Courts L. E. Stoner as president.

The postoffice at Plover, Franklin county, has been closed, because free rural mail delivery has been extended through that territory to Shipensburg.

President John P. Wetherill, of the Pohoquoque Fish association, arrested on the charge of illegal fishing in using a net to land trout, will be given a hearing Wednesday at Stroudsburg.

SITUATION IN IDAHO SERIOUS

GENERAL MERRIAM ASKS FOR TROOPS.

Secretary Alger Receives a Request for Two Troops of Cavalry—War Department Will Send Soldiers from the Regular Regiments at Fort Meade and Fort Robinson.

Washington, May 17.—Secretary Alger has received the following telegram from General Merriam, in explanation of the Coeur d'Alenes:

Wardner, Idaho, May 16. Adjutant General, Washington: The governor of Idaho has carefully reviewed the situation here and deems it necessary to place troops at Burley, Mullan to avoid further disorder. I request two troops of cavalry. Referring to the press criticisms, I have made no order. My action is limited strictly to the support of the state authorities. There are 35 prisoners still in custody under investigation.

Merriam, Brigadier General. The war department is satisfied with the despatch, and the belief is expressed that the military will not be used for any other purpose than that for which it was sent to the disturbed regions.

The troops of cavalry requested by General Merriam will be sent from Fort Meade, South Dakota, and Fort Robinson, Nebraska. Several troops of the First cavalry are stationed at these posts.

Wallace, Idaho, May 17.—Judge Mayhew, in the case of habeas corpus suits, took the matter under advisement until today. If the writ be granted the supposition is common that the state and military authorities will ignore it.

BOARD OF PARDONS.

Executive Session at Harrisburg. Matters Considered.

Harrisburg, May 17.—The board of pardons, at an executive session tonight, recommended pardons for James L. Orr, of Allegheny, felonious rape; Duane Ward, of McKean, robbery; Misses Anna and Marion, and son, Samuel Hartranft. Mrs. Hartranft also sent a floral tribute to the funeral of each of the victims. Memorial services were held in the opera house and court house this evening. Tomorrow H. C. Wertz, John Kuntz and W. D. Jenkins will be buried.

ROMAN ALUMNI.

Prominent Prelates of the Catholic Church Meet at Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, May 17.—Prominent prelates of the Roman Catholic church from all parts of the United States attended the fifteenth annual meeting here today of the Alumni Association of the American College in Rome. Of the two hundred members of the organization about eighty-five were present. The session today was appropriate, for the reason that this is the fortieth anniversary of the foundation of the American college. A special blessing was read to the members from Pope Leo XIII.

The following officers were elected: President, Very Rev. Edward Pace, D. D., of the Catholic university, Washington; first vice-president, Rev. William H. Harrington, of Rochester; second vice-president, Rev. Edmund S. Shanahan, D. D., of Philadelphia; secretary, Rev. William G. Murphy, of New York; treasurer, Rev. Thomas F. Kennedy, D. D., of Philadelphia; executive committee, Rev. E. J. Hann, of Rochester; Very Rev. Edward Tearney, V. G., of Richmond, Va.; Rev. Joseph Man, D. D., of Rochester.

SUICIDE'S MESSAGE IN A KEG.

Tired of Living in This Bad World Sinington Decided to Go.

Bridgeton, N. J., May 17.—A message from the dead was this morning picked up in a keg of whisky, near the Delaware river by Edward Fowler, of this city. The letter was written with a lead pencil on the lid of a cigar box and read:

"Riverside, May 8, 1899.—I have given up my life and myself. Am tired of living in this bad world. Anybody finding this will please to give it to the corner to let him find my body. It is in the creek, and with my cold watch and all my money, about fifty dollars. Have them sent to Stonington, Conn., to my folks.

"Yours resp., "G. S. Sinington." "United States Navy."

The fact that a strange man was seen in Riverside on the day mentioned in the letter, and was last seen late in the evening going toward the Pennsylvania railroad bridge that spans the Hancock creek at that point, seems to bear out the suicidal language of the strange missive. Coroner Wells will make an investigation.

ATTEMPTS SUICIDE.

Count Badeni, of Austria, Seeks Death at His Own Hand.

Vienna, May 17.—Count Badeni, the former premier, has attempted suicide. The attempt is being maintained and every effort is being made to suppress the details.

Count Badeni was formerly governor of Galicia. He had contracted a disease, the nature of which was not known until he called in 1885 to form a cabinet. His father was not a noble at birth, but was raised to the peerage for distinguished services. Badeni inherited a large fortune from his aunt, Anna Wierer, the famous German actress.

Last year the count was wounded in a duel with Dr. Wolf, the German Nationalist leader.

"MUSH" LOWE CONFESSES.

Four New Milford Men Connected with a Murder.

Susquehanna, Pa., May 17.—"Mush" Lowe, a New Milford young man, who is in the Susquehanna county jail awaiting trial for criminal assault, has made a confession to the district attorney to complicity in the murder of William Dale, whose body was found on the Delaware. Lackawanna and Western railroad near New Milford three years ago.

Lowe names four New Milford young men as his confederates in the murder. Some arrests have already been made.

EIGHT VICTIMS BURIED.

The Funerals Held at Norristown. Prominent Firemen Present.

Norristown, May 17.—The funerals of eight more victims of the wreck at Exeter on the Philadelphia and Reading railroad last Friday night took place here today. No business was transacted and everybody was in mourning. Flags were displayed at half-mast. During the morning the remains of Samuel McCarthy, Henry Coulston, William H. Lewis and Franklin D. Sowers were buried. Members of the Norristown Engine company, Hook post, No. 11, G. A. R., survivors of the Fifty-first regiment, Beaver tribe; Company F, Sixth regiment, attended the funeral of Messrs. McCarthy, Lewis and Coulston. Salutes were fired over their graves.

The other four funerals took place this afternoon. That of Chief of the Fire Department John Singuff was the largest ever held in town. Prominent firemen were present from Philadelphia, Reading, Carlisle, Butler, Scranton, Wilkes-Barre, Harrisburg, Altoona and West Chester. The members of the Hutchinson commandery, Knights Templar, had charge of the services at the grave.

The other funerals this afternoon were those of Charles White, Councilman; William Cairns and Norman Holmes. The funeral of Norman Holmes was one of the saddest. His father is at present in a hospital at Reading, seriously injured.

Among the persons who attended the funerals were the widow of General John W. Hartman, and Norman Misses Anna and Marion, and son, Samuel Hartranft. Mrs. Hartranft also sent a floral tribute to the funeral of each of the victims. Memorial services were held in the opera house and court house this evening. Tomorrow H. C. Wertz, John Kuntz and W. D. Jenkins will be buried.

STATE MEDICAL CONVENTION.

Will Meet Next Year at Wilkes-Barre—Sessions Yesterday.

Johnstown, May 17.—The State Medical convention in session here, decided today to meet next year in Wilkes-Barre. The convention, the fifteenth annual, will be held in September, owing to the fact that the May date brings the convention very near to that of the American Medical association convention. The report of the committee on nominations, adopted at today's session, names Dr. George W. Guthrie, of Wilkes-Barre, president; Dr. S. S. Towler, of Marionville, Forest county, first vice-president; John C. Sheridan, Johnstown, second vice-president; Dr. W. A. Hartzell, Altoona, third vice-president; Kingdon Smith, Blairsville, fourth vice-president; Dr. C. L. Stevens, Athens, secretary; Dr. E. V. Duckman, Millersburg, treasurer. Papers were read during the afternoon session by Dr. E. S. Montgomery, Philadelphia, and Dr. W. G. Wagner, Johnstown. Dr. E. S. Montgomery, demonstrated a method of treating obstinate cases of stomach trouble by mechanical means.

A paper read by Dr. Massey, of Philadelphia, today, dwelling upon the treatment of cancer by electricity, caused a spirited tilt in the afternoon session of the convention. Prof. Keene, of Philadelphia, objected to the plan of treatment, and which he termed as inefficient and irresponsible. The closing session will be held tomorrow morning.

AFTER THE BRIBES.

House Committee Submits Its Report to District Attorney.

Harrisburg, May 17.—Representatives Fow and Voorhees, of Philadelphia, members of the committee appointed by the house of representatives at the recent session to prosecute those persons charged with bribery in connection with the contest for United States senator and the McCarrall jury bill, this afternoon submitted to District Attorney Millar the evidence taken by the legislative committee and a certified copy of the house resolution for the prosecution.

Mr. Millar will make a careful study of the evidence before beginning action against those persons who are alleged to have offered bribes to certain members of the legislature.

The committee has written a letter to Mr. Millar, enclosing the papers in the case and stating that its services are at his disposal.

FITZSIMMONS-JEFFRIES.

The Fight Has Been Fixed for June 9.

New York, May 17.—The date of the Bob Fitzsimmons-Jim Jeffries fight, before the Coney Island Athletic club, has been fixed at June 9, and George Siler, of Chicago, will be referee. The selection of Decoration day as the date for the fight aroused so much opposition among sporting men that the managers of the club and the managers of the fighters met to discuss the situation. It was argued that Decoration day is usually a big sporting day, when there are many events of interest scheduled, and that to hold the big fight on that day would mean a smaller attendance and smaller gate receipts.

It was decided finally to postpone the fight until June 9. The arrangement was satisfactory to all concerned.

Senator Buckalew Ill.

Bloomington, Pa., May 17.—Ex-United States Senator Charles Buckalew is lying dangerously ill at his home in this city. A few days ago he was stricken with a slight attack of heart failure which, together with a general breaking up of his system, forced him to his bed. Since that time he has grown gradually worse and last night his death was hourly expected. Today his condition was slightly improved but owing to his age little hope is entertained for his recovery.

Limestone Combine.

Hollidaysburg, Pa., May 17.—The Clover Limestone company has been combined with the Pittsburg Limestone company, limited, which is controlled by the Carnegie Steel company, of Pittsburg.

The new combination owns extensive quarries in Blair county and will control 90 per cent. of the output of stone of this kind in this county.

Woman Suffrage Rejected.

Hartford, Conn., May 17.—The senate today by a vote of 12 to 9 rejected the measure providing for woman suffrage.

ANOTHER STORM SWEEPS OHIO

FOUR CHILDREN ARE KILLED AT MONTPELIER.

Twenty-Four Persons in a Wrecked Building and Not One Escapes Injury—Damage to Property Elsewhere—Large Hailstone's Fall.

Pretoria, Transvaal, May 17.—The seven alleged revolutionists, who presented the appearance of ordinary loafers, were arraigned in court today, charged with the capital offense of high treason. They were remanded for a fortnight. Sworn affidavits have been taken that two thousand men have been enrolled for military service and that it was intended to arm them in Natal, to return them to Rand and, at a given signal, to seize and hold the fort of Johannesburg for twenty-four hours, pending the arrival of British troops.

The press of the government regards the matter as "an unfortunate incident," which will not affect the general political situation. The government also confirms the report that arrangements between President Kruger and the governor of Cape Colony and high commissioner of South Africa, Sir Alfred Milner, for a meeting at Bloemfontein, are nearly completed. The president's proposed reform will be presented to the volksraad prior to the meeting.

WATCHMAN ASSAULTED.

Three Men Bind and Gag the Watchman at Bellevue Breaker and Help Themselves to Tools.

At 12:30 o'clock last night three men suddenly approached the watchman at the Bellevue breaker, John Appgar, and demanded some tools. He refused their demand, whereupon one of the men pointed a pistol at him. He was then bound and gagged and the thugs helped themselves to a brace and some chisels.

After they were gone Mr. Appgar worked himself loose and telephoned to the police station. A squad of police arrived quickly on the scene, but up to the hour of going to press the men had not been captured.

JEWELRY THIEVES ARRESTED.

Accused of Stealing \$2,600 Worth of Jewelry in New York.

Philadelphia, May 17.—Harry Brooks, aged 30 years, and Sarah Brooks, aged 23, both colored, were arrested here today, charged with stealing \$2,600 worth of jewelry from the residence of Mrs. Annie Wright, of 222 West Forty-eighth street, New York. Two detectives saw the colored man trying to pawn a diamond pendant valued at \$75 and the suspicious being aroused took him into custody. At the central station the detective got enough information out of the prisoners to show that he had committed a robbery in New York.

The police of the metropolis were communicated with which resulted in the arrest of Sarah Brooks in this city. The latter had been employed by Mrs. Wright as a chamber maid for only a week. All the jewelry with the exception of several rings valued at \$250 was recovered. The pair were held to await requisition papers.

FAITH CURISTS WILL FIGHT.

A Lung Cure That Turns Cents Speedily Into Dollars.

New York, May 17.—If the Christian Scientists of New Jersey county, who are charged with having hastened the death of Charlotte Barguet by faith cure, are indicted by the grand jury, the church will employ the best counsel they can retain to defend them.

Coroner Barnhart has also requested President Murphy, of the health board, to investigate the medical council and Koch Lung Cure establishment, which has a branch in Philadelphia. This concern, it is said, recently sold to a sick woman, for \$9, a bottle of medicine which, upon analysis, was found to contain three minims of chloroform to two ounces of water, and to be worth, in all, about nine cents.

POLICEMAN'S STRUGGLE.

Kills One Man and Wounds Several Others.

Chicago, May 17.—In a struggle with a number of Italians Policeman John Baginsky this afternoon shot and killed one man and seriously wounded two others. The policeman says he was attacked by half a dozen men and hemmed in and was compelled to use his revolver. The friends of the dead and wounded say the shooting was entirely without provocation.

BUFFALO STRIKE.

The Outlook for Cessation of Trouble Is Somewhat Brighter.

Buffalo, May 17.—Bishop Quigley took a determined stand in his efforts to bring the strike of the grain shovellers and sympathetic organizations to an end today and as a result the outlook for a cessation of trouble is somewhat brighter.

Tonight the bishop addressed several large meetings of striking freight handlers and grain shovellers. He promised the men that he will take steps tomorrow which he hopes will end the strike for good.

STORM AT JOHNSTOWN.

Most Severe in the History of the Valley.

Johnstown, May 17.—The storm that swept over the Conemaugh valley this afternoon was one of the most severe in the history of the valley, although its prevalence was not accompanied by a great deal of damage. Rain fell in torrents and lightning was very heavy. At Ebensburg much damage was done to property.

Steamship Arrivals.

New York, May 17.—Arrived: Saale, Naples; New York, Southampton; Kaiser Friedrich, Bremen. Sailed: St. Paul, Southampton; Southark, Antwerp; Teutonic, Liverpool.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today: COOL AND UNSETTLED.

1 General-General Lawton Captures an Insurgent Capital. England's Advance in China. Idaho Situation Becomes Serious. Ohio Storm Swept.

2 General—Payment of the Cubans. Financial and Commercial.

3 Sports—Atlantic National and Other League Base Ball Games. The Elks' Minstrel Show.

4 Editorial. News and Comment.

5 Story—"At Last a Martyr."

6 Local—Convention of the Abstainers. Arrangements Progressing for Letter Carriers' Convention.

7 Local—Episcopal Diocese Will Remain Undivided. Secretary Hutton in a Bad Fix.

8 Local—West Scranton and Suburban. News Round About Scranton.

9 Local—Industrial Cleanings.

SAM-CHUN OCCUPIED

The British Troops Subduing Hong Kong Hinterland.

Hong Kong, May 17.—Sam-Chun was occupied yesterday without any casualties. An unconfirmed report is being circulated that the rebels are now occupying Sunon City.

Vancouver, B. C., May 17.—Advices from the Orient per the steamer Empress of India say that Major Brown, a British officer, who has returned to Hong Kong, asserts that the trouble with the Chinese in the Hinterland is mainly due to the fear of the Chinese that the British government will prohibit the smuggling of salt to Canton, a practice in which many are engaged. The rich class is not opposing the British.

The Avenir du Tonkin contains a bitter article saying that Lord Bessford, made strong representations to the Peking government that Foo Chow arsenal should be taken from the French and put in the hands of England. It says if the French are driven out of Fokien the English will encounter no obstacle to their plans from Canton to Shanghai.

JAPAN MAY AID CHINA.

Report That a Secret Treaty Against Germany Has Been Signed.

Victoria, B. C., May 17.—The steamship Empress of India brings the following mail advices from the Orient: It is reported among influential Chinese that a secret treaty has been signed whereby Japan promises China the aid of troops should Germany seize Shan Tung.

That China intends to oppose the advance of Germany in the north is shown by the fact that recently orders were sent to the mandarins and taoctons of all districts and provinces ordering them to concentrate what fighting men they could and prepare for war.

The arsenals have been ordered to push forward the manufacture of arms and ammunition with all haste. A late edict places Viceroy Liu in charge. The Chinese navy also, according to late reports, is getting ready for an emergency.

Trouble has occurred recently in Shan Tung and German missionaries have been ill-treated. Germany is sending expeditions to punish the natives, burning villages and gradually pushing her way inward until very soon she will have possession of the whole province.

The Kobe Herald says that the German plan is to establish a German kingdom, with Prince Henry as ruler, as previously reported in Peking dispatches.

An urgent telegram has been received from Governor Jao of Kuch-garia, saying that Russian emissaries have been caught smuggling firearms to the Mahometan rebels. The governor asks for 15,000 men.

An unknown American was arrested at Bakan for having pictures of the neighborhood in his possession. An inquiry was in progress when the Empress sailed.

The Russians are prosecuting work night and day at Port Arthur. The harbor has been dredged to accommodate ships drawing twenty feet of water.

DU MARAIS' PROBABLE FATE.

Fears That Filipinos Slew the Philadelphian's Brother.

Baltimore, Md., May 17.—T. B. Du Marais, of Philadelphia, brother of Baron A. B. Du Marais, who was reported murdered by the Filipino insurgents while bearing a flag of truce from the people of Manila to the insurgents, is in Baltimore seeking information concerning the alleged fate of his brother.

Adjutant General Corbin, who has inquired of General Otis, says there still remains a doubt as to whether the baron was assassinated or whether he still lives a prisoner among the insurgents. The last information regarding him was that he was with Luna's forces at Calumpit before the town was captured. It is the belief of many citizens in Manila that Du Marais was murdered. Others believe that he is held a prisoner.

Dewey, Sampson and Schley.

Norfolk, Va., May 17.—Mrs. John O'Keefe last night presented her husband with three sons. Today the proud father named them Dewey, Sampson and Schley.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, May 17.—Forecast for Thursday: For eastern Pennsylvania, cool and unsettled weather, with local rains; fresh to brisk; easterly winds, becoming variable; continued cool and